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LATE LOGS

Alfa Lima International:5/21-0101-15070-AM. (BT,WV good)
6/2-2301-15070-AM. (BT,WV weak)
6/3-0200-15070-AM. (BT,WV solid signal)
6/4-0010-15070-AM. (BT,WV good)

6/18-0026-15070-AM. (BF,PA weak)

Indira Calling:5/28-0052-6955-USB. (BT,WV good)

6/4-0415-6955-USB. (BT,WV good) 6/18-0204-6950-AM. (BF,PA excellent)

KIPM:6/3-0240-13910-USB. (BT,WV weak)

6/3-0455-6954.9-USB. (ZR,CA 444)

6/3-0516-6955-USB. (BT, WV solid signal)

6/3-0532-6950-USB. (BT, WV solid signal)

6/3-0640-6955-USB. (BT,WV very good)

6/4-0040-13909-USB. (BT,WV weak) KMUD:5/20-0224-6954.1-AM. (ZR,CA 333)

Psycho Radio:5/28-0350-6954.9-USB. (ZR,CA 232)

6/2-0720-6955-USB. (BT, WV good)

6/4-0126-6955-USB. (BT,WV tough copy)

6/4-0454-6955-USB. (BT,WV very strong)

Radio Bingo:5/28-0403-6950.3-LSB. (ZR,CA 332)

Radio Free Speech: 5/28-0009-6275-AM. (BT, WV weak)

5/28-0130-6275-AM. (BT,WV)

5/28-0154-6955-AM. (BT, WV good)

Voice Of Captain Ron SW:6/16-?-6953-USB. (BF,PA) 6/19-0122-6952.4-USB. (GM,CT 333)

WACK Radio:6/16-?-6955-USB. (BF,PA 433)

WHYP:6/4-0215-6950-LSB. (BT, WV good)

6/16-0327-6955-USB. (BT, WV decent)

6/17-1120-6955-AM. (BF,PA)

WKND:5/28-2308-6955-AM. (BT, WV decent)

WRX:6/4-0155-6955-USB. (BT,WV)

FROM ACROSS THE POND

Alfa Lima International-PO Box 663,7900ar Hoogeveen, The Netherlands
June 25-0040-0151+-15070-AM. OM mentioned many US DXers including Gentry
Rose & Sedlacek, also mentioned ACE & FRW, songs: "Three Times A Lady", "Reason
To Believe" & "Eve Of Destruction". (RC, MA 444)

July 8-2300-2353*-15070-AM. ID as "Your listening to Alfa Lima Int.",mx by The Backstreet Boys & off abruptly @2353 UTC. (RC,MA 454) (JR,VA good/very good) (JM,PA)

Radio East Coast Holland- same as Alfa Lima Int.

July 2-0128-0141*-11484.8-AM, OM playing Beatles mx, frequent announcements of "We are closing down", encouraged listeners to send reports. (RC,MA 343)

Radio Sunflower- Ytterby, Sweden

July 8-0105-0146-15810-AM. Test brdest in conjunction with Radio Borderhunter. (JR VA good)

July 9-0356-0548-15810-AM. Another test brdest w/mx by CCR & Johnny & The Hurricanes. (JR,VA fair/good)

Weekend Music Radio-

July 2-0144-0243-15700.1-AM. Anner Jack Russell w/oldies mx, frequent IDs & sd brdesting from Scotland, gave a phone # & mentioned other test freqs. including 7485. (RC,MA 343)

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July 2-0305-0320-6910-AM. Europop mx,OM mentioned "knock-knock" & "echo". (RC,MA 241 maybe Radio Blue Star?)

NORTH AMERICA-SHORTWAVE

Blind Faith Radio-blindfaithradio@yahoo.com

July 2-2300-2325*-6955-USB. Doctor Napalm w/mx for Canada Day. (CS,MD 544)

Eat It Radio-sd to send logs to FRN website & ACE

June 22-2146-2206*-6954.8-USB, Anner Captain Weiner sd he used to be R.Biscuit, sd live brdest & asked for donations to improve audio equipment, many IDs & a few songs, sd to send logs to FRN, ACE or Andy Yoder, mentioned the stn may have an e-mail address & QSLs soon. (LS, OH 353)

Ground Zero Radio-gzrsw@usa.net

July 9-0140-0244*-6955-USB. Political commentary abt China getting most favored nation for trade, Top 10 adult videos, mx by AC/DC & Nazareth. (GM,CT 333) (CS,MD 333 PLS QSL) (LS,OH 454 PLS QSL) (SG,IL 423 PLS QSL) (SM,OK) (JR,VA very good PLS QSL) (JM,PA PLS QSL)

Indira Calling-Providence,RI

June 24-0310-0315+-6955-USB, Vijay Nehru playing Beach Boys mx,mentioned George Zeller. (GM,CT 333) (MP,NY)

KMART-

July 9-2335-2353*-6955-USB. Show in response to all the dead air on 6955, played lots of 60's tunes. (GM,CT 434)

KRMI-QSLs via loggings

July 14-0215-0225-6950-?, No details given. (JM,PA PLS OSL)

Psycho Radio-QSL info unknown

June 25-0250-0404-6955-USB. Pgm of radio jingles into QSO w/unid stn from Ohio & Captain Ron SW,sd would QSL via ACE logs,some mx. (JC,ONT 444 PLS QSL) (GZ OH 343+) (ZR,CA 232)

July 2-0405-0440+-6953-USB. Mx by Kid Rock, Godsmack, mentioned that 6953 kHz is the alternate communications link, ad for Three Fingers Fireworks Factory. (MH,SC 333) (BF,PA 322) (ZR,CA 333)

July 2-0500-0617-6953-USB. Rock mx.ad for Crap N Go,rambling tx & mentioned "I am nemesis of broadcasting". (WH,IL 133)

July 4-0340-0447-6955-USB, Hip-hop mx & comedy. (ZR,CA 333)

July 9-0236-0257*-6956-USB. OM sd using 5 watts of power & discussed propagation conditions, Kid Rock mx, QSO w/other ops. (RC,MA 343) (CS,MD 444 PLS QSL) (GM CT 434) (LS,OH 354 PLS QSL) (JR,VA fair PLS QSL) (ZR,CA 222)

Radio Azteca-Belfast, NY

July 4-0230-0254-6950-USB. Anncd as "Mx & ID Special #3",songs by Spike Jones,Tom Lehrer,tune for baseball fans & Hawaiian mx. (WH,IL 133) (ZR,CA 222) July 5-0140-6950.5-LSB. Replay of 7/4,0230 UTC show. (WH,IL 133) (JM,PA) July 8-0306-0327*-6955-AM. Replay of 7/4,0230 UTC show. (LS,OH 253)

Radio Free Speech-still QSLs?

July 2-0341-0401*-6950-AM. Stn's "Fourth of July 2000 Show" w/much tx abt the Constitution & Bill Of Rights including the 2nd Amendment, some parody songs like "Don't Eat The Meat" & Bill & Hillary singing "I Got You". (MH,SC 232) (JM,PA) July 3-2142-2148-6955-AM. Replay of 7/2,0341 UTC show. (JM,PA) July 4-0030-0120*-6955-AM. Replay of 7/2,0341 UTC show. (CS,MD 433)

July 5-0100-0130-6950.5-AM. Replay of 7/2,0341 UTC show. (WII,IL 133) (JM,PA PLS QSL)

Radio Metallica Worldwide-Blue Ridge Summit, PA (possible relays)

July 8-0306-0352*-6955-USB. Older show w/tx abt WBCQ & Allan Weiner. (GM CT 333)

July 9-0100-0121*-6955-USB. Replay of 7/8,0306 UTC pgm. (GM,CT 333) (RC MA 453) (SM,OK) (JM,PA)

Radio Xanax- used to use Stoneham, MA

July 9-0316-0327+-6955-USB. Spur of the moment show in response to four way QSO w/other ops.played comedy bits like Jimmy The Weasel song & "Shirtless Girl". (GM,CT 434)

Voice Of Captain Ron Shortwave- captainronswr@yahoo.com

June 24-02131-0255*-6954.2-USB. DX test for people in FRN chat room,mx by Bon Jovi & Aerosmith,mentioned FRW & ACE. (GM,CT 433) (MP,NY)

WACK Radio- 1-888-959-8174 for QSLs

June 24-*0433-0459-6955-USB. Played their own version of "The Devil Went Down To Georgia". (MP,NY)

WIIYP- whyp1530@yahoo.com

July 5-0237-0250-6955-?. No details given. (JM,PA PLS QSL)
July 12-0045-0130+-6950-AM. James Brownyard stn ID,tx abt Captain Ganja & green
jello acid & song "Livin' La Vida Lula". (BF,PA loud) (SG,IL 222/433)

WMFQ-Providence,RI

June 26-0120-0152*-6955-USB. Various rock & pop mx w/several stn IDs. (GZ,OH 343) (LS,OH 454)

WRX-anned new drop of PO Box 29, Wilton, ME 00294

July 19-0247-0257-6950.7-USB. Jimmy The Weasel w/usual stuff. (JR, VA good)

Zappa Radio-QSL info unknown

July 9-0259-0310-6955-?. Testing,sd he wanted to see his name in Pop Comm in 6 months. (LS,OH 354 PLS QSL)

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DX NEWS OF INTEREST

Deadline for September 2000 Dialogs: August 20th

from the desk of the Managing Editor...

Ye Old jta: <jtart@realns.com> or (716) 365-8870 (not collect!)

Top news: as all my fans can tell, I've finally gotten a "real" email address. Not by choice – the freenet has served me well. However, Bell Atlantic is trying to maximize their profits on our phone line, and I had to find something that provides a local dialup number; so I'm now reachable at: <jtart@realns.com>. Almost all Club business can be conducted via that address (obviously subscriptions, renewals, and cancellations – anything that involved money - have to be done by mail). And don't worry - the freenet will forward messages for a while, so you have time to update your address book...

Just after the July issue hit the mail I heard of another hobby death: FRS Holland Op Joop ter Zee died in hospital on 27 June from complications of Hepatitis C at age 40. In addition to his radio activities, Joop also wrote the "Alternative Thoughts" column for FRS Goes DX. His death throws the future of FRS Holland into some doubt, but there will be a memorial broadcast later this year. Our condolences to his family and girlfriend. And lets hope that we don't keep running these obits every month...

VERIED RESPONSE

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NEXT COLUMN DEADLINE: August 19th.

Hi and welcome back for another edition of VR! I'm happy to say that I survived my recent family vacation on Walt Disney World over the 4TH Of JULY holiday. I know you're wondering ... did I indeed try the "Summit Plummet" water slide at Blizzard Beach? Nope! After watching those guys traveling about 60 miles an hour down a 60 degree slope I opted for the "Slush Gusher", a little less intense offering!

Being roller coaster enthusiasts, we also visited Busch Gardens in Tampa to ride theirs and made stops at Paramount's King's Dominion in VA and Six Flags Great Adventure in NJ on our drive home. Our favorite coaster is still the Superman Ride of Steel at Six Flags New England. Any of you ever been on the 300 foot high coaster at Sandusky, Ohio? Maybe George Zeller can try it out for us? If you're interested in coasters, try this web site: www.rcdb.com On to the column!

Bill Finn of suburban Philly in PA jumped for joy upon receiving a QSL and info sheet from the Europirate Alfa Lima International. Bill says the info sheet has a cool story about the station and equipment. Senor Flynn was also pleased to get a partial data QSL from Hippy Dippy Radio written on the back side of a Cannabis2000 World March For Freedom six sticker sheet in 6 weeks.

John McWilliams was lulled out of a sound sleep when his wife told him he had just received an Alfa Lima International QSL signed by Alfred in 38 days.

Bruce Tincher from West Virginia was dancing in circles upon receiving his <u>Alfa Lima International</u> QSL in a week after sending the station op his snail mail address.



Broadcasting Frequency Khs.



Veried Response presents another A*C*E Special feature:

Free Radio Statistics

formerly: The Scoreboard

updated: 23 July 2000

KEY:

NAm = North American Pirate QSLs, to include Canada For = Foreign Pirate QSLs, outside NAm dif = number of different stations represented Tot = total different Pirate QSLs, NAm + For

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	R Brandt-DL	146/82	1363/787	869		KTVI/VotRock
	Zeller-OH	500/352	10/10	362	8/8	WHBH bust
i	Filipkowski-RI	695/334	37/31	365	0,0	KMOMpanties
N	Wolfish-ONT	459/294	14/10	304		RCondorInt
	Arthur-NY	517/279	23/19	297	4/4	SML Ltd
E	Suter-VA	373/253	21/20	273	-/-	RBCN shirt
	Provance-OH	430/251	21/16	267	14/11	Vo Acid
E	Cronkright-MI	222/222	9/9	231	14/11	KAT
	Pfaff-VA	198/192	21/21	213		
P	Murphy-VA	248/196	19/15	211		R Amazonia
J	Coatsworth-ONT	213/173	26/20	193		CSICchicken KMOM
	Ross-ONT	200+/151	35/26	177	50/37	
C	Collins-WI	213/174	1/1	175	30/3/	KIWI
C	Crawford-KY	290/156	2/2	158		PrimitiveR
J	D Stephens-AL	182/147	9/8	155	8/8	Car Show
C	Smolinski-MD	161/139	20/14	155	2/2	R G'day
E	Kusalik-ALTA	185/116	26/24	148	103/64	VoVoyager
R	Hunsicker-PA	201/138	2/2	140	103/64	Anteaterlic
B	Stacey-AL	262/136	2/2	138		WPN mug
Y	Lewis-IL	178/112	20/12	124		ZepplinRWW
C	Lobdell-MA	90/75	29/27	102		JRR - 6229
J	Rose-VA	189/93	11/7	100		R Mi Amigo
M	Leclerc-CT	152/91	6/5	96		R KorakInt
J	McWilliams-PA	117/76	13/11	87		RBCN
R	Pearce-VT	94/80	2/1	81		XEROX
S	Gentry-IL	129/77	6/3	80		R Doomsday
	D'Angelo-PA	69/63	18/15	78	20/07	KMCR
	Shelley-CA	70/61	1/1	62	29/27	HeMan R
	Rogovich-VA	56/52	2/2	54		KIWI
	Havrilko-FL	56/39	14/12	51		RClandestine
	Laws-QUE	54/43	1/1	44		R USA
	Foster-MI	53/44	-/-	44		Ptl IndiaR
	Bergman-WI	76/41	1/1	42		WORK
	Ruger-CA	63/38	3/1	39		R Doomsday
	Pawl-NJ	50/35	2/2	37		FBI
s	Foehner-NY	54/34	2/2			Date on a
	Paszkiewicz-WI	35/33		34		WORK
	Wiley-GA	45/33		200	4/4	R Blandx
	Harkins-ONT	46/29		33		VotB&G, KDED
	Doehner-TX	38/27	1/1	29		WGLR
	Scott-OH	48/27	1/1	28		VoaAmerican
	Lytle-TX	32/26	611	27	n	ot MysteryR
	-1G AA	32/20	6/1	27		KIWI

G	Neal-TX	29/24		24	5/5	Anteaterlic
E	Reynolds-NJ	30/21	1/1	22		Live WireR
T	Mazanec-OH	26/19		19		Vot B&G
S	Bickel-KY	21/16		16		Radio USA
B	Wooten-GA	16/13		13		
C	Cuomo-PA	11/10		10		
H	Short-MA?	10/9		9		R Garbanzo

The ACE QSL Statistics appear in the Feb, May, Aug, and Nov editions of Veried Response. Kindly update your totals in January, April, July, and/or October for inclusion; mail them to: ACE Stats, PO Box 146, Stoneham, MA 02180.

Please note that the ACE Stats are *only* available to A*C*E members!

That wraps up this edition of VR!

73/Happy Pirate Hunting!



CLANDESTINE PROFILE

by George Zeller

Your loggings, information, and speculations about clandestine radio stations are always very welcome for this column. You can send them direct to your editor at 3492 West 123rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44111. Or, you can call (216) 941-3366 anytime, or else (216) 696-9077 between 1200-2045 UTC weekdays. E-mail input is welcome via my georgez@nacs.net address, with http://www.nacs.net/~georgez providing access to my web page. Be sure to read the lead item once again this month, which discusses my internet addresses.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS NOW OFFICIAL

For the last two months I noted that I have a new e-mail address. I have found that it never hurts to mention this over and over until people change their bookmarks. So, his month I once again confirm that <code>georgez@nacs.net</code> is the place to send e-mail to George Zeller. Some of you have already been using the new address, which is good, since it won't be long until my old address does not work any more. My web site, listed above, also has a new URL.

STATUS OF THE CLANDESTINE WEB SITES

While we are on the subject of new internet addresses. We should all be aware that Martin Schoech's wonderful Clandestine Radio Watch web site also has changed its URL during 2000. If you haven't changed your bookmarks yet, the place to go is now http://www.swl.net/swl-de/crw-main.html on your internet dial. Martin not only has fresh clandestine information from bulletins and individuals all over the world, he also has a nice clandestine QSL gallery. This web site is also chock full of clandestine address information for those of you who are chasing QSL's. There are also lists of people who have actually received the QSL's. If you are interested in clandestine radio and you have not checked out the CRW web site, you are in for an extremely pleasant surprise.

Clandestine Radio Intel, the award-winning web site of our own Nick Grace, has the following announcement listed on it: "During the Summer of 2000 CRI will not be updated as webmaster Nick Grace C. will be in Jakarta, Indonesia." Despite this fact, Nick's web site continues to be an excellent background resource. You can use its usual http://www.qsl.net/yb0rmi/cland/ URL to check it out. As we get later in the summer, you will want to go back to Nick's site to see if he is back from Indonesia.

COLOMBIAN E-MAIL ADDRESSES

In Clandestine Radio Watch #49, citing "Y Gaviria-CLM" as a source, it says that two e-mail address have resulted in a successful replies from Voz de la Resistencia. During the DX season this station is a reasonable DX catch for us in North America on 49 meters, although I have a lot of trouble hearing it in the summer. They normally operate on 6261 kHz, although sometimes the frequency is alleged to be variable down as low as 6240 kHz.

The e-mail addresses to use are apparently elbarcin@laneta.apc.org for "comision International FARC-EP" and tenaticosfarcep@hotmail.com for "tematicos en la mesa de dialogos FARC-EP." There is no doubt that this is a good tip that is worth checking out. A variety of other web sites associated with the FARC are listed in CRW #49, if you would like to look into this situation further.

NEW ETHIOPIAN CLANDESTINE

Our own Ulis Fleming, along with Hans Johnson, remind us once again that Cumbre DX continues to cover breaking shortwave broadcast DX news, including clandestine station news. Cumbre decided long ago to ignore pirates, which became the motivating force behind Free Radio Weckly. But, for those of us interested in clandestines, Cumbre DX remains a valuable resource. Their web site at http://www.cumbredx.org contains all of the information that you need to get in touch with them. If you don't have a computer and can't check out the web site, you are out of luck, because Cumbre DX operates entirely through the internet. In fact, they remain the pioneer internet DX newsletter.

As an example of what you can get from Cumbre DX, here is a reprint of a follow-up item by Hans Johnson to a prior Cumbre posting by Chris Greenway in the United Kingdom:

"CLANDESTINE from GERMANY to ETHIOPIA (Cumbre DX 302 follow up) I am now able to confirm that yet another opposition station is now broadcasting via Deutsche Telekom (DTK) to the Horn of Africa. It is called Voice of Ethiopian Salvation (in Amharie: "Ethiopia Medhin Dimts"). It broadcasts at 1600-1700 GMT (Sundays and Thursday only) on 15365 kHz. After the signature tune, listen for the opening announcement "Yih Ye Ethiopia Medhin Dimts New" ("This is the Voice of Ethiopian Salvation"). (Greenway Jul 7) OK, this is the one we had listed as Democratic Eritrean Revival as per an item in the Bulgarian Observer. Nice to have the actual name and ID text confirmed. Has been heard in Wyoming with a fair signal. (Johnson Jul 7)"

If this sort of thing is useful to you, why not start working with Cumbre DX?

BBCMS, cited in Clandestine Radio Watch #49, notes another new Ethiopian station, supposedly also using the Julich Deutsche Telekom transmitters. This one, called Radio Freedom, Voice of the Ogadeni People, uses 15715 from 1630-1700 UTC on Tuesdays and Fridays. The station uses the following ID in Somali: "Halkani wa Radio Xuriyo, Codki Ummada Ogadeniya." If you are working on practicing your Somali skills, this could be a source for you.

ARGENTINA CLANDESTINE

No, that isn't a misprint in the headline. Per Clandestine Radio Watch #49, there was an Argentina quasi-clandestine program carried on WRMI. Unfortunately, La Voz del Pueblo Indigena was heard only twice on July 22 at 0030 on 9955 kHz and at 0700 on 7385 kHz via WRMI. The station, which translates as the Voice of the Indigenous People, was a one-time program in Spanish. Norberto Pugliese of Buenos Aires, a DXer, was the catalyst for the show getting on WRMI. If you were one of the lucky ones to hear this one-time event, their address is supposed to be Carique Rogelio Guanuco, AIRA, Balbastro 17900, CP 1406, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

CUBAN SANCTIONS WEAKENED

As you may have seen in the press, both the US House and Senate passed legislation in mid-July that would weaken the long-standing USA embargo against Cuba. Both the House and Senate passed bills that would allow food and medicine sales to Cuba. The House added an amendment that would ban funding to federal agencies that enforce a USA travel ban to Cuba. The various measures are currently in conference committee, but action on some liberalization of the USA Cuban embargo now appears likely in September.

Christopher Marquis of the New York Times reported that two factions have emerged in the Republican party. Agriculture and business interests are getting tired of seeing the Cuban market snapped up by other countries, virtually none of which have a trade embargo on Cuba. Furthermore, the Elian Gonzalez incident focused attention on the formerly powerful right wing Cuban community in south Florida. In the past, shortwave listeners have had plenty of opportunity to listen to Radio Marti and the various Cuban

clandestines and quasi-clandestines. But, the Elian incident put Miami Cuban politics on TV every night. It is starting to appear that Americans across the rest of the country were not particularly happy with what they saw from the right wing Cubans in Miami. Hence, the whole Elian incident continues to be a turning point in the Cuban-American relationship. People like Marylysis Gonzalez have provided the best positive publicity that Fidel Castro has gotten in the USA for forty years.

It will pay to keep our eyes on the Cuban clandestine situation during the fall. A major fissure in the Cuban-American political front like this will have to have some noticeable impact on the various quasi-clandestines. If you notice something interesting, let us know.

INTERVAL SIGNALS

From Dave Kernick's postings on rec.radio.shortwave lately, we are reminded of his web site that features interval signals from around the world. Several of these are clandestine stations, but a large collection of regular SWBC stations is on the site as well. The site contains phonetic pronunciations of the ID from every one of the dozens of clandestine stations that he covers. In addition, a RealAudio clip of the station ID and/or interval signal is available for listening.

Dave's site is at http://www.intervalsignals.com/clandestine.htm on the internet. This service can be an exceptionally valuable tool for clandestine DXers, especially if you are trying to fish an ID out of a bunch of clandestine programming. Dave notes that Radio Tele Liberte on 12925 kHz around 1730 UTC, Voice of Ethiopian Salvation, and Radio Freedom, Voice of the Ogaderi People are among the fresh clips that he recently put up on the site. If you have not checked this one out yet, it would be well worth your time to do so. It's a truly amazing resource that is a wonderful example of how shortwave DXing and the internet can be collaborative rather than competitive.

MOSSAD AND TAIWAN

I pulled this item off rec.radio.shortwave on July 19 from somebody named Andrew. I can't vouch for its accuracy, but maybe Tom Sevart can follow it up. Given its interest to us in ACE, I'll just print the whole posting:

"This post is for those of you interested in monitoring the so-called "Number Stations." Radio Mossad (Enigma Code E10) has been booming in most clear nights lately on 11565 at 1000-1030 EST approx. They have other broadcast times as well. 11565 works well for me."

"Well today I was surprised to hear Radio Taipei (! Radio Taiwan) coming over the same freq. at approx. 1800-1830 EST. According to my RS "The World-wide Shortwave Listening Guide," Radio Taipei doesn't use this freq. Nor is it a close multiple or fraction (read, harmonic) of the listed freqs. that RTi does use. I taped the call-station ID and Taiwan News which were in English so ID is certain. Interesting??"

Here's another radio oddity that would be another good one to check out.

REMINDER

As we discussed in some detail last month, if you are anywhere near Philadelphia or Los Angeles for the upcoming Republican and Democratic Conventions this summer, it will pay to check out the vicinity of the conventions for FM pirate/clandestine activity. If you lost last month's issue of *The ACE*, the URL to check for timely developments is http://www.ainfos.ca/ for Mobilization Radio.

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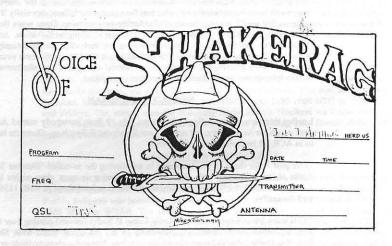
We all owe a debt of thanks to John T. Arthur, who has stepped forward to be the interim publisher of *The ACE* for a while. As John has noted several times in these pages recently, we are currently looking for assistance in all phases of ACE operation. If you

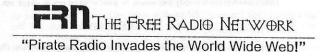
would like to write columns, help with club administration, or work in any way to keep our club in good shape, we have a "HELP WANTED" sign clearly displayed.

I managed to get this column written this month, despite the fact that I had an extremely heavy workload at work and with vigorous receiver test preparations for the forthcoming 2001 edition of *Passport to World Band Radio*. Thus, I almost wasn't able to get the column in. These situations will come up from time to time with our columnists. If you can help us, we will all be able to continue ACE services even when some of our members are otherwise occupied.

THANKS!

The input of ACE members and other DXers is vitally important to this column, and to all other ACE columns. Summer is not exactly the prime DX season, so our turnout is light this month. Nevertheless, we thank Ulis Fleming (Maryland), Martin Schoech (Germany), and George Zeller (Ohio) for providing material. Next month we all hope to hear from YOU by August 19 for the September Clandestine Profile.







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Covert Comms

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Greetings and welcome again to your friendly nieghborhood numbers column. First off this month, I'd like to let you know that the guys at ENIGMA have finally gotten their own corner of cyberspace. Check out http://reachus.at/enigma for their website.

Former CIA agent Philip Agee, who exposed CIA agents in Cuba in his book Inside the Company: CIA Diary has opened what he calls the first American-run business in Cuba in 40 years. According to the Associated Press, Agee has opened a travel website aimed at Americans to get them to visit Cuba. It is, of course, illegal for Americans to travel to Cuba due to the trade embargo. The website, www.cubalinda.com, offers tour packages in Cuba and other help with Cuban tourism that would otherwise be difficult if not impossible to obtain. Maybe they offer a few package deals to some numbers station transmitter sites?

According to CNet News.com, international espionage has turned dramatically toward industrial espionage as opposed to political or military espionage. From dumpster diving to international data theft, cases of legal and illegal espionage at all levels are on the rise. Companies such as Microsoft, Intel, and Oracle have been struggling to protect their information not only from each other, but from international spies as well. This concurs with sources that stated that after the cold war ended, the KGB turned most of its attention toward industrial espionage. It should, however, be noted that they definitely aren't going to completely ignore political & military spying.

A Mossad spy was convicted in Berne, Switzerland for taking part in a wiretapping operation. The spy, known as Issae Bental (not his real name) was convicted of political espionage, illegal acts for a foreign state and entering the country under a false name. He was arrested in 1998 with several other Mossad operatives while they attempted to place a listening device in an apartment building. Their target was Abdallah el-Zein, a Swiss citizen of Lebanese descent, who the Mossad believed had ties with the Hezbollah, a terrorist organization. Bental received a one-year suspended prison sentence and was barred from entering Switzerland again for five years.

I wonder if they received their instructions to bug the apartment from E10?

The kicker to this story is that other Mossad agents threatened to refuse to carry out missions in protest over what they saw as lack of support by their superiors. After Bental was arrested in 1998, he was bailed out of jail by none other than the Israeli government which paid his \$2 million bail and promised that he'd show up for court.

Hmmm... whatever happened to "plausible deniability?"

The other Mossad agents voiced their anger that Bental was turned over for trial by the Israeli government. They stated that they expect the full backing of the Mossad leadership, even if their mission fails. It's been a long way since "in case you are discovered, we will deny any knowlege of you or your mission..."

See you next month.



Micro'casting

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The sole purpose of this column is to enlighten and educate ACE members about the many facets of Part 15 and micro radio- this is YOUR column! Please send all newspaper clippings, tapes, station profiles and what-have-you to the address or e-mail address above.

HE'S BACK! Yup, after severe computer problems (motherboard crash after an unidentified virus hit us), I'm finally back. AOL couldn't i.d. the contracted problem and after the main failure, it took a couple-three weeks to get some stuff together and get back on-line. The only piece missing is a different sound card to work with this motherboard, but no big deal- it works without it.

I also lost some e-mail along the way, due to AOL automatically deleting it after a time period; suffice it to say, after my last column, a young man offered a station history- I think your name was "Tim" and the e-mail address was "TMST"??? If so, PLEASE contact me again so I can use your material!!! Anyone else got the cajones to offer any info????

SUMMERTIME BLUES: Yes, this time of year usually sees a drop in radio activity re: The monitoring side; folks generally drift toward outdoor activities. Typically, winter brings folks back in and close to their radios. I've been hooked on radio for about 32 years, so my portable goes with me most places. Though we've been very busy, I've not found the time to monitor much lately, except for the local stations I program for now - I have to make sure they don't butcher the broadcasts!

When I DO monitor, it's on the fringes and at oddball places, such as below the FM broadcast band, the edge of TV channel 6. One proposal for LPFM was to take over this (supposed) soon-to-be abandoned area, due to HDTV. It would be a simple thing to "re-PLL" new FM receivers to get at this band. This area was mentioned in the ACE April 2000 issue. This seems to be a good chance at an "experimenter's band", if "they" will allow LPFM/Part 15ers the chance.

It seems as if commercial and established non-comms will be able to keep "us" out, at least for the time being- maybe several years, maybe forever if they & their lawyers have their way. Also, with current receivers having been built to the CHEAPEST standards, with little or no adjacent channel rejection, cramming other stations into an already-overfilled radio spectrum will garner even more complaints. Hey, how about some info on how to upgrade FM receivers to fight the interference? C'mon, you technoids!!!! By the way, Japan already uses 76-108 MHz receivers- no problem!

According to Andrew Cheadle's (CEO, AJC Audio File, Lakewood, CA) letter in Radio World (6/21/2000, pp24), channel 6 will be reallocated to FM by 200#. Frank Vela, Chief Engineer of WTBH(FM) in Crystal River, FL, and another engineer conducted thier own LPFM test against a 100-watt Class A station - and their experiment resulted in surprisingly good results in favor of the LPFM signal. He plans to apply for an LPFM license (also from the 6/21 issue of Radio World). More & more folks are finding that the NAB and NPR have lied, lied, LIED about what will go on "if LPFM is allowed".

Me? I'm in a dark mood over it all. Money, Greed, and Ego have all been the Riders of The Apcolypse in this radio arena. One day, if good folks decide they've had enough garbage fed to them, not only in radio, but regarding family, gun rights, and other attacks on moderate-to-rightwing areas as well, there's liable to be another American Revolution. Unfortunately, most folks are, like in the movie "Animal House": "...fat, lazy and stupid" and care about nothing but payday, 5-o'clock, and beer, and not neccessarily in that order. It's gonna take a LOT to get them off their butts to turn things around for the better.

What are YOU doing for your rights? Scanners are scalped, LPFM is seemingly on hold, CB has run rampant, Amateur radio is filling to the brim with "good-buddy" types...what's left?

NEW EQUIPMENT: Hey, hey, hey!!! LPB, Inc., new owners of Fidelipac now offers the AM-2000, a frequency-agile, FCC-certified 100 mw transmitter/antenna combo! It's totally housed within a lockable, weatherproof box with the antenna protruding out the top, which is a readily-available 102" CB whip! Range as-is mounted on a pole is from 1500 to 2600 feet, but the article stated that a good ground should increase the range. Intentions are for strictly local usage, from a school station, to neighborhood watch promotions, to raceway info, to whatever you can think of. Operation is simple: one big, red button turns it on and power & audio can be fed to it via a "snake" audio/power cable combo. About \$1,800 gets the rig....

For more info, check in at www.lpbinc.com or call toll free 1 877-LPB-COMM. Thanks to the full-page article in Radio World, 6/21/00 issue.

As you can see, my info is somewhat limited; a couple newsgroups still fetch "newbies" asking for help getting on the air, with not much techno info available outside this realm. To be sure, the FCC will not accept LPFM applications from those who have flaunted the law, radiowise, like pore ol' Vladimir Petit-Frere of Brooklyn, who ignored several "Cease & Desist" letters from the FCC. Immum, wonder if he's any relation to Lani Petit???

Get your info/contributions in NOW!

73 de Bud

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